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Moscow had cancelled the proposed spring 1948 repatriation of Soviet citizens from China for the following reasons:

- (1) The Soviet Government does not have money for such a repatriation.
- (2) Experience with the first five groups of repatriates, who have now been in the USSR about a year, has shown that as a whole they make inefficient workers as they cannot accommodate themselves to prevailing conditions.
- (3) The majority of these repatriates, disillusioned by living conditions in the USSR, have exerted a disturbing influence upon their neighbors.
- (4) The Soviet authorities believe that there are many spies planted among the incoming groups of repatriates.
- (5) In the event of an emergency in the Far East, it will be useful to have Soviet groups in China.
- (6) Moscow plans to use Soviet groups in Manchuria. If conflict becomes imminent, part of the Shanghai Soviet community will be transferred to Manchuria before communications are interrupted.

During the third week of April 1948, district delegates of the Shanghai Soviet Citizens Association were given blank personal history forms to be filled out for each Soviet citizen member of each delegate's district. The delegates were instructed to ask each Soviet citizen member whether or not he intends to return to the USSR and to record the answer on the bottom of the personal history statement. The delegates were told that these forms were to be used for planning the August or fall 1948 repatriation program and the completed forms were to be turned in to the Soviet Club on approximately 26 April 1948.

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